

District Press Releases - 2005

12/15/05

San Leandro Resident Elected Board President

(Pleasanton, CA) - Mrs. Isobel Dvorsky, a long-time member of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees, was elected president of the Board at its monthly board meeting on Tuesday night at the district office.

A veteran board member and higher education advocate, Mrs. Dvorsky takes over as president from Livermore resident Barbara Mertes. Elected to the board in 1985 to represent San Leandro, this is Mrs. Dvorsky fifth term as president.

“I am excited to lead the Board during such a pivotal time in our district’s history. We are implementing the bond that the voters’ generously passed so there is much construction activity at the Colleges. Our students continue to excel in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities as is evident by the many awards that our student newspaper, athletic teams and forensics teams are winning. While we celebrate our students and their accomplishments, we must continue to focus on the difficult issues at hand; state and federal funding,” said Mrs. Dvorsky. “Our students deserve the best our state can give them and we will continue our advocacy on behalf of everyone in our district.

In addition to her service as a board member for the college district, Mrs. Dvorsky has served as the trustee representative for the American Association of Community Colleges, as national president of the Association of Community College Trustees and as president of the California Community College Trustees association.

Her local affiliations include serving as a member of the board of the Davis Street Foundation in San Leandro.

A former speech therapist, Mrs. Dvorsky’s roots are in education. A tireless advocate for students, she has been recognized numerous times for her dedication to community colleges.

9/27/05

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Hires New Vice-Chancellor of Business Services

(Pleasanton, CA) - The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) recently announced the appointment of Lorenzo Legaspi as Vice-Chancellor of Business Services. In his new position, Legaspi will handle all matters pertaining to the District and college budgets, oversee the district payroll and accounting functions,

and manage the overall fiscal services provided for the colleges and the District. "Lorenzo's broad base of skills and extensive knowledge of education finance is a perfect fit for our District during these challenging fiscal times," said Dr. Susan Cota, CLPCCD Chancellor. "His ability to interpret and analyze financial data will serve us well as we continue to move our district forward."

Legaspi joins CLPCCD most recently from the Alameda Unified School District, where he served as the Chief Financial Officer. Prior to that, he held a variety of high-level business-related positions with the Newark Unified School District, the Albany Unified School District, and the Redwood City Elementary School District.

He brings extensive experience in the direction and administration of business affairs for school districts; the direction and coordination of annual budgets; the development and implementation of district policies and long-range financial programs; and in the direction and supervision of the activities of a business services division.

Legaspi has a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Guam, and a Master of Business Administration from the College of Notre Dame. He is a resident of Dublin. He and his wife Eleanor have two children, Lorenze and Leticia, who both attend college.

8/3/05

District Board Appoints Trustee to Fill Vacant Seat

(Pleasanton, CA) - At Tuesday's special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Board members interviewed four candidates as possible replacements for the seat left vacant by Gary Craig who resigned to relocate out of the district.

Following the interviews the Board unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Hal Gin of San Lorenzo to fill the vacancy for Trustee Area 6. Recently retired from CSU East Bay, Dr. Gin brings more than 30 years of higher education experience to the Board. He has been an active member of the community through membership in the San Lorenzo Lions Club, the Hayward Area Parks and Recreation Department, and the Alameda County Housing and Development Board.

Dr. Gin's service to students includes academic advising, career planning and student activities. He has spent several years working with community college transfer students and understands the role community colleges play within the higher education system in California.

"We are grateful to the four individuals who chose to step forward and exhibit their commitment to our colleges and our students," said Dr. Barbara Mertes, Board President. "We are delighted that Dr. Gin has accepted our invitation to join the Board."

Dr. Gin will be sworn in at the Board's regularly schedule meeting on Tuesday, August 16th at the District Office at 5020 Franklin Drive in Pleasanton. He will serve on the Board until the next election in November 2006.

For more information please call Jennifer Aries at (925) 485-5215 or (510) 714-0129.

8/1/05

Board to Interview Trustee Replacement Candidates

(Pleasanton, CA) - On Tuesday, August 1st, the Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District will interview four applicants interested in filling the Board seat vacated by Trustee Gary Craig.

The following community members will be interviewed in open session:

1 p.m., Joseph Ochoa - Paralegal

2 p.m., Norma Kernes - Retired Chabot College employee

3 p.m., Hal Gin - Retired CSU East Bay administrator

4 p.m., Betty DeForest - Activities Director, Housing with a Heart

Following the interviews, the Board hopes to make a decision and appoint a candidate to fill the vacant seat. It is anticipated that the candidate will be sworn in at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 16th.

5/18/05

Trustee Resigns after 20 Years of Service

(Pleasanton, CA) - Gary Craig, a twenty-year member of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees, submitted his resignation at last night's board meeting effective August 1, 2005.

Mr. Craig started his political career at the young age of 19 when he was elected to the San Lorenzo School Board. He was elected to the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees in 1985 representing Area 6, which includes the cities of Hayward and San Lorenzo. A Chabot College graduate, Craig is resigning from the board to relocate out of the area. "I will miss so much about the colleges, graduation, the student success stories and the building out of the colleges through the Measure B bond. I feel very good about the district. We have good management in place and it really is a good place to work and go to school," said Craig.

A compassionate trustee, Craig's knowledge of the insurance industry has served the district well in its business dealings related to worker's compensation, health and welfare benefits, and contracts. "Trustee Craig takes his role very seriously. He is well aware of the trust the voters have placed in him by electing him to the Board on numerous occasions," said Dr. Joel Kinnamon, acting chancellor. "That responsibility extends through the knowledge gained in his professional life to his service on the Board. His diligence in the areas of contracts and insurance reflects his commitment to students and his constituency."

"Having served with him for five years I can say without reservation that he is a very dedicated board member. He has great respect for the institutions, especially Chabot, which he attended. Gary has been committed to the colleges and to making things work well for students. I have great respect and affection for him. He is very fair, listens carefully and makes good decisions on his own," said Dr. Barbara Mertes, president of the Board of Trustees.

The Board will begin the search for a replacement for Trustee Craig late this summer.